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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
 Group Art Unit: 1724

Examiner:

For : LIQUID BAG, MOUTH MEMBER FOR THE LIQUID BAG, AND PRODUCTION METHOD  
 THEREOF

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Election with Traverse** in the above-captioned application.

☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

☒ No additional fee is required.

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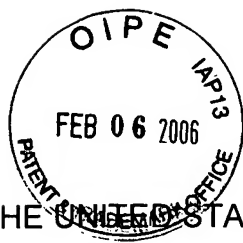
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☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Requirement for Restriction mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office January 4, 2006, in the above application. Inasmuch as this election is being submitted by the one-month shortened statutory period originally set in the Office Action to expire on February 6, 2006, (February 4, 2006 falling on a Saturday), no extension of time is believed necessary. However, if any extension of time is deemed to be necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any extension of time fees and any other fees necessary for maintaining the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks: